



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 808

LCO No. 2542



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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE BILLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) provide that an insured
2 receiving emergency medical services shall not be required to pay
3 more than the amount such insured would be required to pay for in-
4 network costs for such services, (2) provide that an insured shall be
5 billed the in-network rate for a medical service or treatment if no in-
6 network health care provider is available to provide such service or
7 treatment to such insured, (3) require health care providers to disclose
8 to an insured at the time such insured makes an appointment and
9 prior to performing any medical service or treatment the provider's
10 network status for such insured's health care plan, and require an out-
11 of-network provider to charge the insured the in-network rate for the
12 appointment, medical service or treatment if such provider fails to
13 provide the required disclosure, (4) require insurers to inform their
14 insureds, when authorization is sought for a particular service, the
15 network status of the health care provider providing such service to
16 the insured, the amount the insurer will reimburse such provider for

17 such service and how such amount compares to the usual, customary
18 and reasonable charges for such service, and (5) establish an
19 independent review process for fee disputes between health care
20 providers and insurers.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect consumers from surprise medical bills for certain services.